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### **New Supreme Court State Law Librarian To Focus on Public Outreach**

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice E. James Burke is pleased to announce that Eugenia Charles-Newton has joined the Wyoming Supreme Court as the new State Law Librarian. As part of her role as State Law Librarian, she will be responsible for the launch of a coordinated and comprehensive public outreach campaign to educate Wyoming citizens about court processes and the role of the judiciary.

Ms. Charles-Newton previously served as the Faculty Services Librarian at Texas Tech University School of Law, where she also taught classes on advanced legal research. She received a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, her juris doctorate from the University of Kansas School of Law, a master's degree from the University of Arizona, and is currently working on her PhD through Texas Tech University. In addition to her numerous degrees and teaching qualifications, Ms. Charles-Newton is an enrolled member of the Diné (Navajo) Nation and has vast and unique experiences working with American Indian law and policy.

In addition to public outreach activities, Ms. Charles-Newton will be organizing and developing the library collection, assisting in the creation of the Judicial Learning Center, administering tours of the Court, and increasing access to library resources.

"I am honored to serve as the Wyoming Supreme Court State Law Librarian. I am not only a librarian, but an educator, and am excited to support ongoing civics education initiatives like *You Be the Judge*, *We the People* and the Wyoming Judicial Learning Center. I look forward to planning additional statewide judicial outreach activities and touring the state."

"The Court has done a good job promoting civics education and supporting educational opportunities for Wyoming's citizens, but we can do better. Eugenia is just the person we need to help develop, coordinate and deploy a robust public outreach campaign to continue to build public trust and confidence in the judiciary," said Chief Justice Burke. "We welcome her to the Court and to Wyoming."